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Classified By: Pol/Econ Chief Scott Brandon for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[¶](#)1. (C) On November 25 Pol/Econ Chief delivered reftel points to Anu Laamanen, MFA Deputy Director General of the Political Affairs Unit. Laamanen was careful to keep the discussion of Iran in an EU context, but did say that Finland welcomes the consideration of all options within a process that should be time-limited. She added EU ministers discuss Iran regularly within the GAERC, and praised Sweden for coordinating demarches on Iran's nuclear activities and human rights activities during its EU presidency. Laamanen looked forward to future close consultations on engaging Iran.

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